

Development of infrastructure in textile sector

*137. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is ambitious programme to develop infrastructure in the textile sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether it will generate employment opportunities which is becoming operational;

(c) whether Centre will totally take care of financial aspect; and

(d) whether on its fully functional, Government would be able to earn foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA):

(a) Yes, Madam. To provide the textile industry with world-class infrastructure facilities for setting up their textile units, Government is implementing the Scheme for Integrated Textiles Parks (SITP).

(b) Under the SITP, 26 projects have been sanctioned. This would facilitate employment generation of more than five lakh persons (direct/indirect).

(c) Estimated project cost of these 26 parks (common infrastructure/facilities) is Rs. 2433.80 Crore of which Government of India support would be Rs. 869 Crore.

(d) These textile parks will cater to both domestic and international markets.

Facilities for economic growth at borders

*138. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, in its attempt to integrate foreign policy with trade, India will make it easier for its neighbours to log into its economic growth at its borders;

(b) whether the Cabinet has approved an elaborate plan to establish a Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) and 13 State-of-the-art Integrated

Check Post (ICPs) on the Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal and Pakistan borders; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of new proposed infrastructure project?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) It is our continuous endeavour to improve and facilitate international trade with the neighbouring countries.

(b) and (c) In principle approval has been granted to set up 13 State-of-the-Art Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) at an estimated cost of Rs. 734 crores on the land border *i.e.* India-Nepal-4, India-Pakistan-1, India-Bangladesh-7 and India-Myanmar-1

Child labour

***139 SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:** Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that instances of child labour are continuing in the country, despite a ban on it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued notices to Delhi Government in this regard;

(d) whether Government have any mechanism for proper monitoring of implementation of the ban;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of steps taken to effectively curb child labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government is aware that there are instances of child labour in the country and is taking various proactive measures in that direction. Government is committed to complete elimination of child labour from the country. However, considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, a gradual and sequential approach is being followed, beginning with children working in hazardous occupations and processes and gradually covering children in nonhazardous occupations also.